

# ChevronTexaco Helping to Rebuild Angola

## *150,000 Families to Benefit*

The largest oil producer in Angola and USAID have each agreed to provide \$10 million over five years for development projects aimed at repairing the extensive economic and social damage that resulted from 27 years of civil war.

A former Portuguese colony, Angola was torn apart by its civil war, which ended only after UNITA leader Jonas Savimbi was killed in March 2002. A peace accord was signed in April.

Hundreds of thousands of ex-combatants and internally displaced people have been seeking to return to their farms since the war's end. ChevronTexaco and the United States believe that small and medium enterprise agriculture should be the alliance's first activity.

To fund this development relief activity benefiting up to 150,000 families in six provinces, ChevronTexaco will donate \$4 million which the Agency will then match. As additional projects are identified, USAID will continue to accept and match ChevronTexaco contributions.

The largest foreign aid donor to Angola, the United States has been active in the country since 1989, providing food, healthcare, clean water, and sanitation services. The USAID/Angola mission, established in 1996, began partnering with ChevronTexaco's Angola operation in 1999 to provide vocational training, agribusiness development, and health services.

ChevronTexaco, active in Angola for decades, accounts for more than two-thirds of the country's petroleum production of 800,000 barrels per day.

ChevronTexaco Chairman David J.

O'Reilly named Simon Lowes to work with USAID's Global Development Alliance Secretariat and the Bureau for Africa to develop alliance activities that assist Angola's development.

**“ChevronTexaco and USAID's economic development alliance will ease the return and resettlement of Angolans displaced by the war.”**

HOLLY WISE, Director

Global Development Alliance Secretariat

In late November, as the partners signed a memorandum of understanding in the capital, Luanda, to outline the details, USAID Mission Director in Angola Robert Hellyer said, “USAID's economic development alliance with ChevronTexaco will make an important difference in the lives of tens of thousands of Angolans at this critical moment for the country.”

O'Reilly said at the signing ceremony: “Collaborative efforts in support of sustainable investments such as these, which build on ideas embraced at the recent World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg, can make a profound and lasting difference. At the same time, we recognize that this is just a start, and we encourage additional public-private partnerships so we can expand the collective strengths and capabilities for the benefit of Angola.” ★



*Farm extension agents like the one pictured here will help formerly displaced families to become food self-reliant, thanks to the Angolan economic development alliance.*